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2 HOTELS AID TRIBUNE X-MAS FUND FOR POOR

**Terminal to Give Five Cents
For Each Meal Served For
Two Weeks.**

**AQUAMSI'S COLLECTION
BOX IS FILLING UP**

**Mrs. D. A. Glenn and Daughter
Ruth, Join Army of Society
Workers.**

Volunteers to aid in helping The Tribune prepare a bountiful Christmas for the poor this year continue to report for duty by the score.

Two hotels yesterday announced that they would lend their support to the cause. Mr. Harris of the Terminal is going to contribute five cents for every meal served at his hotel during the last two weeks before Christmas.

"The Tribune's Municipal Christmas Tree Fund is deserving of the support of everybody," said Mr. Harris. "I want to do everything I can to help bring the amount up to a record for a city of this size."

"I have notified my employees that beginning two weeks before Christmas day, the hotel will turn over to The Tribune's committee five cents on every meal served at the hotel. I am having a special cash drawer made to be used as the depository for The Tribune fund."

"During those two weeks I expect to be able to swell the fund considerably. The Tribune's plan has aroused great interest all over the city, and I have not found anyone who was opposed to it. No one could honestly find fault with it."

The Aquamsi Hotel yesterday tucked up a box in the office of the hotel, bearing these words: "Help swell The Tribune's Municipal Christmas fund." The box is sealed and will not be molested until the committee in charge of the collections call for it.

Every guest that visited the hotel yesterday dropped a coin in the slot. The contributions are all voluntary, and any sum is accepted.

Major Giboney Houck, Frank Kimmel and H. W. Bridges were chosen yesterday to organize a committee of men. A meeting of these gentlemen will be called as soon as Mr. Kimmel returns from St. Louis, which will be Tuesday, and the committee will be enlarged. Mr. Houck is chairman.

"I can raise \$250 myself," said Mr. Kimmel last night, "and I have started my list with a contribution of \$10. If we do not make this the biggest undertaking of its kind ever held in Cape Girardeau, I am going to be very much surprised."

"Wherever I go, I hear people comment on the fund. The only question that troubles me is the place for holding the entertainment. There isn't a building in this city large enough to accommodate the crowd. I believe it would be just as well to have the tree erected out in the open. The presents, I should think, can be placed in a building."

Maj. Houck announced last night that the original committee of three would appoint several other members at the first meeting and the plans for carrying on the campaign would be formally arranged.

Dr. J. J. Clopton, who was to have served on the committee has been relieved. After a conference with Mrs. W. W. Martin and Mrs. A. H. Hinchey, who are attempting to organize another Christmas tree, Dr. Clopton requested The Tribune to delay its work for two weeks. He was informed that his request could not be granted, and it was suggested that he withdraw, which he did.

Mrs. David A. Glenn and her daughter, Miss Ruth, yesterday joined the army of society ladies who are working in behalf of the Christmas fund. Miss Glenn expressed a desire to serve on the committee to be appointed by Mrs. E. G. Gramling, chairman of the committee of ladies.

Mrs. Glenn is preparing quite a lot of clothing, which will be rearranged to fit some of the needy little girls. She is enthusiastic over the undertaking, and announced that she would be one of the active workers until the tree and festival were over.

FOREST BLAZE HIDES CAPE IN CLOUD OF SMOKE

**Residents of This City Unable
To See Sun For One Whole
Day.**

**FIRE SWEEPS SWAMP,
NOW RAVISHES HILLS**

**Conflagration is Burning From
Few Miles of Cape Down to
Arkansas.**

The forest fires which have been raging for the past week in the swamp lands in Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas, show no signs of diminishing, and in fact are no longer confined to the swamp areas. The fire has reached the hills bordering the low timbered lands, and are sweeping the entire country south of here.

It is reported that the fire extends as far into Arkansas as Hot Springs, and much property has been destroyed in that locality. The flames have made their appearance in the hills southwest of this city, and are plainly visible from the Bloomfield road.

Railroad men report that all along the Hoxie line, the forests are burning, and that between this city and Chaffee the electric headlights will not penetrate the smoke for a distance of forty feet.

The dry leaves feed the flames and all attempts to check their progress by the construction of fireguards have proven useless on account of the flying embers that are carried by the breeze for great distances from the burning tops of the dead standing timber.

It is believed that the entire timbered section south of here will be devastated in case there is not a heavy fall of rain within the next few days.

The swamps are unusually dry for this season of the year and the existing conditions render it almost impossible to resist the fire.

The smoke from the forest conflagration has obscured the sky all over Southeast Missouri and into Arkansas.

A heavy cloud hung over Cape Girardeau yesterday, and as a result, the steamer Rees Lee narrowly averted crashing into the ferry boat Gladys during the afternoon.

As the Rees Lee approached the city, Capt. Roy Jaynes pulled away from the wharf and started on a trip to the landing on the Illinois shore. He did not see the approaching steamer, and had knowledge of her presence until her whistle sounded but a short distance ahead of him.

In speaking of the incident, Mr. Jaynes said: "We were pulling up the river through the dense smoke, intending to get above the bar just south of the power house before starting across."

"The smoke was so dense that we could not see our way ahead of us, and for that reason we sounded the whistle at regular and frequent intervals, in warning to other crafts, of our location."

"I did not know that the Rees Lee was near until she blew her whistle when directly in front of us and but a short distance away."

"Even at that time she was not visible, and rather than take chances on pulling out into the river and attempting to go around her, we hurriedly changed our course and pulled in under the bar where we knew it was impossible for her to come."

"The move proved to be a wise one, as before we were fairly turned, the big steamer loomed up in front of us, and instead of being headed directly down the river, was almost at right angles with the stream and had we delayed our action but a few seconds longer, there would have been a collision, and the little ferry boat would have been crushed, and perhaps both vessels sunk."

"The Rees Lee evidently had pursued the course it had taken in order to miss the dike, and in cutting across to the Missouri side and come in such close contact with the bar on the Missouri side, that she was compelled to head straight out in the river in order to avoid going aground."

"After the danger was passed and the larger boat had gone by, we continued our trip and felt our way in safety to the Illinois landing."

WANAMAKER CHEERS HIS MERCY SHIP ON ITS WAY



John Wanamaker's mercy ship Thelma as she sailed from Philadelphia with her cargo of supplies for the suffering Belgians, and at the right, the great merchant cheering the vessel on her way.

JANITOR IS HELD AS A MAIL THIEF

**Sikeston Man Accused of Stealing
Shoes Sent by Parcels
Post.**

H. J. Mayberry, janitor in the post office at Sikeston, Mo., was brought to this city yesterday morning, in the custody of U. S. Marshal E. G. Hancock, charged with having robbed the parcels post of a package containing two pairs of shoes, valued at \$6.

Pending his hearing before U. S. Commissioner F. A. Kage, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the prisoner was placed in jail in this city.

The package which Mayberry is accused of having taken was mailed at Chaffee on November 10, by Slagle & Slickman, and was addressed to the Model Store at Sikeston, which establishment is also owned by Slagle & Slickman.

On November 20, it is charged that Mayberry appeared at the Sikeston store of Slagle & Slickman and asked to exchange a pair of shoes which his wife had purchased from them a short time previous. It is alleged that the shoes were accepted and identified as one of the two pairs that had been mailed.

When Mayberry was arrested and questioned, it is said that he admitted having found a package containing two pairs of shoes, which had been left on a radiator in another part of the building away from the post office, and that he made a false statement to the merchant when he represented that his wife had purchased the shoes offered in exchange.

He denied having stolen them from the post office, and stated that he did not know what had become of the other pair. He implicates another party in Sikeston, in whose office he claims the package was opened.

The prisoner was brought to the Cape by U. S. Marshal Hancock, and Post Office Inspector, J. W. Patterson, remained in Sikeston to conduct a further investigation.

Attorneys C. N. Mozeley of this city and Bailey of Sikeston have been retained by the defendant to represent his interests.

LETTER LOST 58 YEARS
Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 25.—Nearly 58 years after it was written and posted to him, a letter has just been delivered at the Glockner Sanitarium here to Prof. James Hutchinson Kerr. The missive was written by Prof. E. F. M. Fects, Prof. Kerr's former instructor in civil engineering in an Eastern school at New London, Pa., March 20, 1857, when Prof. Kerr was not quite 20 years old. He is now in his seventy-eighth year.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

In order that the employees of The Tribune may enjoy a full Thanksgiving day, this newspaper will not be issued tomorrow.

CAPE HUNTERS LOST IN BIG CANE BRAKE

**Arthur Bowman and Dr. Kimbro
Wander Hours in Bear
Thicket.**

As a result of some faulty information as to the location of a big wild turkey roost in the swamps just below Nash, Dr. E. C. Kimbro and Arthur Bowman after experiencing numerous hardships, met with bitter disappointment and returned to the city early this morning empty handed.

Before starting on their adventure they had provided themselves with charts and blue prints which they had studied carefully in their efforts to familiarize themselves with the topography of the section in which the game was said to abound.

They also provided themselves with guns and ammunition, and long before daybreak they were speeding in an automobile in the direction of the turkey center. They reached Nash station before dawn, and from there proceeded by auto through the darkness to the forest bed chamber of the coveted birds, expecting to be on hand for a slaughter when dawn broke.

For some reason they failed to reach the locality described in the plans and specifications and when daylight found them, they were in the midst of a dense cane brake, lost and without a compass. They gave up their search for game and attempted to make their way back to the station. The heavy smoke concealed the sun, and it was impossible for them to keep their direction.

The nimrods struggled on, however, until finally Dr. Kimbro, who was in the lead, called to Mr. Bowman and advised him that he had just discovered the trail of a man who was evidently a giant.

He urged Mr. Bowman to hurry as he was anxious to overtake the man with the big feet and have him guide them to the railroad track. They followed the trail for sometime through the dense growth of miniature bamboo, and finally the nimrods found themselves back where they picked up the trail. Then it dawned upon them that they were walking in a circle, and that the mammoth tracks were being made by one of their own party.

Mr. Bowman then proposed a plan by which they would be able to overcome the tendency to walk in a circle,

LIGHT CO. TO GET CHANGE OF VENUE

**Corporation That Ignored Promise
Doesn't Want Case Tried
Here.**

Believing that the people of Cape Girardeau are so incensed at the Light & Development Company that it cannot get a fair trial in this city, that corporation, which owns the Missouri Public Utilities Company, has made an application for a change of venue from the Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Ranney will take the matter up today and probably decide where the case will be tried. Opinions of eminent lawyers are that the law requires a case transferred from the Common Pleas Court on a change of venue will go to the Circuit Court.

If this is the view taken by Judge Ranney, the Light & Development Company will be forced to go to trial before Judge Kelley, who sits at Jackson. The Circuit court will convene the first week in January.

The suit pending against the Light & Development Company was filed by Major Giboney Houck, who is asking for damages amounting to \$25,000 for the failure of the company to take over the street car company.

One of the stipulations made by the Light & Development Company when the Missouri Public Utilities Company was given a franchise in this city, was that the Light & Development Company, which was to reap the benefit out of the franchise, would take over the Cape Girardeau & Jackson Interurban Railway Company, which operates street cars in this city.

After obtaining this franchise the Light & Development Company has refused to take over the car company, but for more than a year has collected all of the money taken in by the street cars.

Maj. Houck's suit prompted the filing of similar actions by all of the stockholders in the street car company.

and at his suggestion they each cut a long cane, and when they had gotten astride in stick horse fashion, they walked single file in a straight line through the heavy growth of pipe stem timber, being careful at all times to keep their mounts pointed straight ahead.

The plan worked successful and in a short time they passed out of the jungle into the open woods, from which point the could gaze at the railroad right of way.

"Never again for me," said Dr. Kimbro. "Not in a thousand years," replied Mr. Bowman, and they hiked for their auto.

BULGARIA MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL PLEADS PREMIER

**Tells Parliament Country Cannot
Afford to Become Involved in
War—Denies England's Claim
That Nation Would Join Allies.**

GERMANS ARE MASSING FOR ANOTHER ASSAULT ON FLANDERS

**London Expects Kaiser to Make
Strongest Attack of Campaign to
Drive Wedge—Will Remain
Away From Coast is Belief.**

London, Nov. 25.—Great Britain and France have appealed to the United States to exercise its good offices to compel Colombia to observe more strictly the requirements of neutrality.

Otherwise, the allies, it was announced in the House of Commons today, may be compelled, in self-defense, to take whatever measures they deem necessary for the protection of their interests.

Charles Roberts, Undersecretary of the Colonial Department, made this announcement in the House.

The particular cause of complaint against Colombia has reference to a high-power wireless station. The British charge D'Affaires endeavored repeatedly, said Roberts, to induce the Government to remove the staff of Germans at the wireless station. Failing in this, the charge sought to have the station closed. The British naval attaché at Washington, who was sent to Colombia, found the wireless station nominally was being operated under censorship, but in reality was under German influence. He also reported that German steamers in Colombian ports were continuing to use their wireless equipment although ostensibly dismantled.

It appeared to the British Government, said Roberts, that further representations to Colombia were not likely to be of any avail. It was therefore decided to appeal, in co-operation with the French Government, to the good offices of the United States. It also was stated that in the event that Colombia continued to maintain her present attitude, the allied governments might be compelled, in self-defense, to take such measures as they deemed necessary.

A similar communication had been sent to Washington with respect to Ecuador, whose Foreign Minister "had himself informed the British charge and his French colleagues that German warships had converted certain islands belonging to Ecuador into naval bases." Roberts said the Government of Ecuador had failed to comply with the request of Great Britain and France to exercise proper control of wireless apparatus. The United States has consented to communicate with Colombia and Ecuador, but Great Britain is not yet aware what the result is.

Berlin (by wireless to London), Nov. 25.—The official communication issued by the general staff today says:

"Yesterday the enemy's ships did not repeat their expedition against the coast (of Northern France.)"

"The situation in the western war theater remains unchanged. We made some slight progress at Arras."

"In East Prussia our troops repulsed all the Russian attacks."

"In the counter offensive of the Russians from the direction of Lowicz, Strykow and Bhezyne they failed."

"In the district of Czenstochowa all the Russian attempts also broke down before our front."

Berlin, Nov. 25, by wireless to Sayville.—The British Indian troops along the Suez Canal have been defeated, according to a report from Milan, and the Turks, are advancing with heavy batteries to destroy the constructive works of the canal and bottle up the British warships now in the waterway.

London, Nov. 25.—The destruction of Germany's naval equipment at Zebrugge by shell fire from British and French warships, together with Germany's grim preparations for her renewed attempts to crush a way through the allied line to the French coast, were the most insignificant features today in the news of the western arena of the war.

Some reports received in London set forth that the Germans already have started another attack on the allied front in Flanders which will be more intense and formidable than any hitherto undertaken. It is apparent that the Germans have been carefully preparing for this move for some days. The situation precludes the possibility of a secret attack and it is said the invaders have gone ahead with their plans quite openly, keeping secret only the point where they purposed centering their offensive movement.

It is the opinion of military observers here that the next onslaught will be particularly menacing, because the Germans, profiting by the mistakes previously made, will keep far enough away from the sea to avoid the naval guns, and will not waste their energy by advancing at several points at the same time, but will concentrate all their efforts on one spot where they hope to break through by sheer weight of numbers.

Sofia, Nov. 25.—The Bulgarian Premier, speaking before Parliament today, upheld as holy the neutrality law, and urged the statesmen to maintain the nation's honor. He denied emphatically the report sent out by London that Bulgaria had decided to enter the war in support of the Allies.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Secretary of State Bryan, on receipt of advices announcing disorder of the gravest type had broken out in Mexico City, tonight ordered Consul Silliman to leave the Mexican Capital and go to Caranza's headquarters.

London, Nov. 25.—Dispatches from Rome report that the serious illness of the Emperor of Austria. According to the dispatch, his physicians are forbidden to leave his bed.

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—Reports from the front are somewhat confusing. One dispatch says the situation remains unchanged, but the War Offices makes the following announcement: "An entire German army corps has been captured with artillery and transport. The force of Gen. Von Hindenberg is rapidly withdrawing to the German frontier."

Amsterdam, Nov. 25.—The German artillery at Westende damaged a British destroyer during fighting between the land batteries and the British fleet bombarding the coast, according to the Sluis correspondent of the Tyds.

Rome, Nov. 25.—A naval engagement is reported near Lissa Island, in the Adriatic, in a message received here today from Ortona.

Lissa Island is 33 miles southwest of Spalato, the chief seaport of Austria-Hungary, in Dalmatia. Ortona is an Italian city on the Adriatic.